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judge him to be not only a man of [redacted] ability but of high character.

After dinner, we went to a large reception--buffet supper, orchestras, etc.---at the Italian Embassy. E. had, previous to coming to the U.S. Embassy, gone to a Yugoslav reception, and the Chinese were also entertaining tonight, so there was a ~~[illegible]~~ variety of celebrations. The Italian Ambassador is a great favorite in Mexico. He is about to retire, and this, his farewell party, attracted people of many nationalities.

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